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SUBJ: MEDICAL TREATMENT FOR BRIG GEN (R) JORGE BASOALTO,
CHILEAN AIR FORCE (FACH)

1. THIS EMBASSY HAS BEEN ASKED THROUGH AIRA IN THE NAME OF
GEN GUSTAVO LEIGH GUZMAN, FACH CINC AND MEMBER OF THE JUNTA,
BY DR. ALBERTO SPOERER, MINISTER OF HEALTH, THAT BRIG GEN (R)
JORGE BASOALTO BE APPOINTED A SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE DESIGNEE
FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT AT A USAF MILITARY FACILITY. THE FOLLOW-
ING INFORMATION IS TAKEN FROM DR. SPOERER'S LETTER:

2. "A PHYSICAL EXAMINATION IN SEPTEMBER 1973 REVEALED A
RIGHT SIDE ACOUSTIC NEURINOMA. A GAMA ENCEPHALOGRAPHY SHOWED
AN ABNORMAL CONCENTRATION IN THE RIGHT POSTERIOR FOSA OF THE
PARAMEDIAN ZONE. ALTHOUGH OPERATIONS HAVE OCCASIONALLY BEEN
PERFORMED ON THESE TUMORS HERE IN CHILE, THE NEED FOR A COMPLETE
RESECTION IN ORDER TO PREVENT A RELAPSE ORIGINATE RELATIVELY
FREQUENT NEUROLOGICAL SIQUELAE, WHICH ARE ALL THE MORE COMMON
WHERE SURGICAL TEAMS HAVE LITTLE OR NO EXPERIENCE IN THE EXCISION
OF THESE TUMORS.

3. "AT THE PRESENT TIME WE ARE INFORMED THAT AMERICAN
SPECIALISTS PERFORM A MICRO SURGERY OF THE PONTO-CERELLAR
ANGLE TUMORS WITH MINIMUM OR NO DAMAGE OF THE SURROUNDING
NEUROLOGICAL STRUCTURES. IN VIEW OF THE HIGH RISK INVOLVED IN
SURGICAL TREATMENT OF THE TUMOR THAT AFFECTS BRIG GEN JORGE
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BASOALTO WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT HE BE REFERRED TO A HIGHLY

SPECIALIZED NEUROSURGICAL DEPARTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES.
SIGNED DR. ALBERTO C. SPOERER, MINISTER OF HEALTH."

4. THE VICE CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE CHILEAN AIR FORCE HAS ASSURED
AIRA THAT THE FACH WILL PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM THE
UNITED STATES AND WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL EXPENSES INCURRED
DURING THIS MEDICAL ATTENTION. IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT THESE
TWO HIGHLY PLACED AND RESPONSIBLE INDIVIDUALS IN THE GOC HAVE
ASKED US FOR ASSISTANCE IN THIS MANNER AND ACKNOWLEDGE GOC
RESPONSIBILITY TO MEET ALL FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS, RECOMMEND WE
GIVE POSITIVE RESPONSE TO THIS REQUEST.
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